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 Auction Coordinator: Al Munro

The President appoints the first three positions and the Fund Raiser appoints the Auction Coordinator.

DUES: Are you reading your last Timber Talk? If you have not paid your 1991 dues your name will be removed from our mailing list. Why not invest \$10.00 and renew - or for non-members join for the same \$10.00. Send your dues to our Membership Chairman Don Robb, P. O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4C2 Canada.

CNA 1991 AND CAWMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

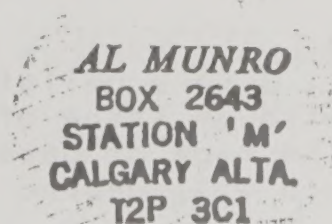
CAWMC holds their Annual General Meeting during the CNA Convention each year. In 1991 it is in Toronto and as usual we will have our Sunday Breakfast meeting followed by an auction. The cost of the Breakfast is \$15.00 which includes GST. See last page for more information.

CAWMC ELECTIONS: Every two years the CAWMC holds elections. This is an election year. A number of nominations have already been received and I expect more by the time the ballots have to go out to all paid-up members. You can use the Ballot form sent out last month or just send along a piece of paper with the Nominators and Nominees names and signatures and the position for which they are nominated. Send to the Editor.

ARTICLES: Thanks to those members that have submitted articles to Timber Talk. Some will appear in this issue and others in future issues. Why don't you send one in?

TRIVIA: The first meeting of CAWMC was held in Norm Wells' hotel room in Calgary during the 1975 CNA Convention. Norm and your Editor were the members present. Fortunately I have been able to attend each Annual General Meeting since. I have been to both coasts and numerous cities in between attending CNA Conventions - 16 in a row, plus the odd one before 1975. No record (unlike Jim Charlton and a few others) but not bad either. There is only a remote chance of making this years convention however. My wife and I are expecting our first child on July 20th so I will be sticking pretty close to home.

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH: Compliments of Al and Marion Munro. It is their 1990 CNA/ANA wood. The side shown on the left is hot-stamped gold and the right is hot-stamped red. Thanks Al.



The Last Of The "Broom Stocks"?

Recently I contacted Master Craft Wood Turnings Limited of Kitchener, Ontario. Many of you will recall that it was this company that manufactured the more than 50 Broom Stock wood token issues from 1954 through 1980.

An article about the company and the manufacturing process, written by Norm Wells, appeared in Norm's third edition of the "Canadian Wooden Money Tokens and Souvenirs" catalogue in March of 1984.

There were a number of objectives in mind as I made arrangements to visit Master Craft. They included: to gather information about the company; to inquire about the possibility of a personal Broom Stock issue; to see if the company would produce wood blanks for use by myself and other collectors; and, to gather information about any Broom Stock issues during the 1980's.

Company History:

- The company was started in 1953 by Frank Neibert and his son Bob.
- Bob Thiessen owned the company from 1973-1987.
- Peter Hunter has owned the company since 1987.
- The production of wooden nickels, even at the peak of the production cycle, was a very minor part of the company operation. Master Craft specializes in the manufacture of furniture knobs and many other types of wood turnings. Also, the company is a wholesaler of wood tables, chairs and a wide variety of wood accessories and ornaments. I discovered as well that this is the company that supplies the wood blanks, made of basswood, for the wood dollars issued during recent years at "The Wood Show" in Durham, Ontario.

Personal Issue:

Among the several souvenirs acquired by Peter Hunter when he purchased the company was one of the Dies used in the production of the Newark Centennial Broom Stock wood in 1980. To facilitate my research into the cost of a personal issue, Peter loaned me the Die which had been made at Warwick Marking Products Limited of Kitchener. A visit to this company resulted in an estimate of "several hundreds of dollars" to produce a pair of Dies for a personal issue. Needless to say, I wasted little time in scrapping what I once thought was a wonderful idea.

Wood Blanks:

Peter Hunter, a very obliging gentleman, has agreed to experiment with an issue of 1,000 wood blanks for me. The blanks will be made of basswood and be approximately 2" in diameter. Much will depend on the quality, cost and the

reaction of collectors to this concept. At this stage it is too early to speculate on the outcome.

"Broom Stock" Issues Of The 1980's:

Only two issues have been confirmed. One is the Newmarket issue referred to earlier. The second, issued in 1986 for a Thiessen family reunion, was a brand new discovery. I noticed one of these woods among the same batch of souvenirs that contained the Newmarket Die. Following my visit with Peter I contacted Bob Thiessen and, through him, his father Gerry Thiessen.

As it turned out, Gerry Thiessen, a pattern maker by trade, had done some of the servicing of the machinery while the company was owned by his son. Gerry personally produced the wooden nickel as a commemorative souvenir for a Thiessen family reunion in 1986. He made 225 of Mahogany and an equal number of Cherry. The woods are 1 and 1/4 inches in diameter and 1/4" thick. Both issues are varnished.

Most of the woods were given out at the reunion. A Cherry token was given to each attendee. Then each attendee was provided one Mahogany wood to take home to each family member who was unable to be at the reunion.

Fortunately Gerry still had a few of the woods left over from the reunion. He agreed to sell me a quantity of the Mahogany woods so that I could make them available to collectors. Anyone interested in having one of these Mahogany Broom Stock woods simply has to write to me at P.O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ont., N2J 4C2. They are available on a first come, first served basis, one to a customer, for \$1.00 (my cost) plus an SASE. Also acceptable would be \$1.50 in Canadian Tire coupons.

Is this the last of the Broom Stock issues? Unfortunately I believe this could well be the case. The machinery is still ready and waiting but the high cost of a pair of Dies makes manufacture impractical for personal issues. About the only possibility might be a high volume commercial issue such as we saw in the 1950's for Gananoque and Niagara Falls. For now though, we live with the reality that the Thiessen issue is probably the last of the Broom Stocks.

Don Robb,
March 1991

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH by Lou Vest

Hallowe'en is about six months away, (in either direction), but the "pumpkinickel" lives on. If you recall, my first hallowe'en issue was 1988, depicting a witch. That supply is depleted. The following two years were a bat and an owl, respectively. These are shown below and both are still available.

The number of "trick or treaters" who call at my door, though modest in numbers compared to urban areas, has steadily increased over the years. Judging by the whispering and chattering at the door about wooden nickels, it has become obvious that the inclusion of a wooden nickel in each treat bag has created some interest, especially among adults. There is also the possibility that the parents feel some sense of security when they know who the donor is. In any case, the observations are interesting and I am looking forward to this year's reaction when the motif will be a...a..., well, I'd better not let the cat out of the bag. You'll just have to wait and see.

common obverse



AUCTION: Mail bids to Don Robb, P. O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4C2 by June 21st.

Alberta Wood Tokens

Auction Listing - Bid Closing Date JUNE 21, 1991

8062-1	Airdrie	8250-2	Altamont
8140-1	AASP Calgary	8300-24	Roy Farrell
-34	Telstar Drug	-33	Arnim Eger
-36	Cal. Coin 1961	-74	JED to Edmnoton
-43	Brakedrome	-11-1	CNA 1979
-49	Budget Cleaners	8510-4	Tilroe
-55	Mogen 1980	-20	Scouts 1983
-70	Salterio 1981	-27	Cashmark 1983
-83	Colluney 1982	8515-1	Oddfellows (Black)
-93B	Mother Tuckers	-2	" (Red)
-137A	Nickelodeon	-3	" (Green)
-152	Carter	-4	" (Blue)
-153	"	8550-3	Secretariat
-155	" (Staff)	8720-1A	Mewata \$5.00
-173	Salterio 1987	8740-1	Wild Bill's
-180	CNA 1987	8820-1	Rimbey
-181	Grumpy's	8850-1	Argentium
-218	Mogen 1989	-2	"
-219	" "	8940-1B	Vulcan \$1,000
-229	Clute 1990	8960-1	Drug Mart (Black)
8160-3	Camrose Eddies	-2	Medicine Bottle

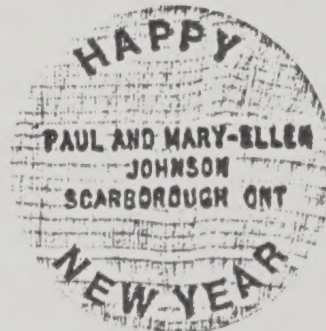
ANOTHER AUCTION BY DON ROBB: (address previous page). Again closing date of 21 June 1991.

Saskatchewan Wood Tokens
Auction Listing - Bid Closing Date JUNE 21, 1991

7160-6	Harding	7600-3D	Zacherl (24/2/78)
7165-1	Eye-brow-Mullin	-3G	" (30/9/78)
-2	" "	-3I	" (14/10/78)
7225-1	Ostapowich-Foam Lk.	7700-2	Carnival Cool
7270-1	Hudson Bay Co-op	-4	Payless Foods
7300-1	Spurrier's	-6	1974 Winter Fest.
7400-3	Harding	-7	1975 " "
-4	"	-15	Neil '89 Que.
7480-1B	Maymont E & S	7800-10	Motor Rebuilders
7500-1	Meadow Lake	-12	Supermatic Car Wash
7510-3	Kosolofski	-13B	Tannahill (Broken)
-4	"	-22	One Shoe Shine
7530-18	Lakeview Motor Inn	-25	Cavalier Hair
-29	Moose Jaw-Disabled	-35	Telephone Pioneers
-32	Moose Jaw Dollar	-36	Devine Promises
-33A	Anglican Church	7850-2	CICA Boom Town
-40	Moose Jaw Flat	-9	7th Coin Show
-43	First Settlers Flat	-17A	Trading Post
-53	Honoring Settlers Flat	-23	Penny's Gr. (Broken)
-84	Westrum Lumber	-49	Gyro Club
7600-3	Zacherl	7880-1	Sintaluta
-3B	" (28/10/77)	7950-1	Stan's Groceteria
-3C	" (28/10/77)	7958-6	Dominion Gallery

CNA WOOD: Have you ordered your 1991 CNA wood yet? Our Canadian manufacturer and CAWMC member Jim Delaney I am sure would like to spread his work out over a number of weeks. For more information (if you don't already have a catalogue) contact Jim at: 109 Sydenham St., Angus, Ontario LOM 1B0. Although I may not make it to the CNA Convention I do plan on issuing a wood, as I have done for many years, and having it distributed during the CAWMC Breakfast on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS WOOD: I found another 1990 Christmas wood which I haven't shown in Timber Talk. Paul and Mary-ellen Johnson's wood is shown below.



ADDRESS CHANGES AND 'LOST SHEEP':

New address for Glenn B. Rodger is: 165 Phillips Drive, Fredericton, N. B. E3C 1E8. Newsletters for the following have been returned by the Post Office. Do you have a current address for them:

Scoop Lewry - Moose Jaw (former address: P. O. Box 1982)

Ron Dougherty - Calgary (former address: 6532 - 22nd Ave. N. E.)

Roger Dixon - Saint John, N. B. (former address: 996 Millidge Ave.)

APRIL TIMBER TALK: Current plans call for the next issue of Timber Talk to be at the printer within a few days - at most; and then will be mailed as time permits. May issue will then follow. Watch for two big COLLECTIONS THAT GO ON THE BLOCK NEXT MONTH in Timber Talk.

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